GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:214
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INCREASE IN HAJ QUOTA FOR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of pilgrims could not perform Haj pilgrimage during 2008-09;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefore;and

(c) the number of pilgrims who performed the Haj pilgrimage during 2008-09?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & b) Around 1,000 pilgrims could not perform Haj pilgrimage during Haj, 2008 because of cancellation by them during the last ten days before the Haj began and also due to `no show.

(c) 1,22,116 pilgrims performed Haj pilgrimage during Haj 2008.